

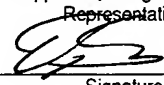


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant(s): Mitsutoshi NAKAMURA  
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Customer No.: 24367  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the Office Action, dated April 9, 2004, be extended for two months to September 9, 2004.


A response to the Office Action, dated April 9, 2004, is filed concurrently herewith.

A Response Transmittal and Fee Authorization for the two month extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) is submitted herewith. In the event that the Response Transmittal and Fee Authorization is not present, is not sufficient, or is not acceptable,

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